

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A container comprising:
 - a substantially planar horizontal base having a plurality of edges;
 - a plurality of substantially vertical sidewalls, each vertical sidewall aligned with an edge of the base, the base and vertical sidewalls thereby defining an interior cavity;
 - a lid adapted to enclose the interior cavity in a closed position and to provide access to the interior cavity in an opened position; and
 - a support structure positioned in the interior cavity and adapted to retain a bakery item in a substantially stationary position relative to the vertical sidewalls, base and lid of the container;wherein at least one of the vertical sidewalls is a movable sidewall adjustable between a closed position and an opened position, such that the interior cavity is accessible from at least two directions when the movable sidewall and lid are both in an opened position and wherein at least one of the vertical sidewalls is a substantially stationary vertical sidewall.
2. The container of claim 1, wherein the movable sidewall:
 - forms a hinged connection with the base at an edge of the base, and
 - can be adjusted from a closed position to an opened position by rotating the movable sidewall about the hinged connection from a substantially vertical orientation to a substantially horizontal orientation.
3. The container of claim 2, wherein the base and the movable sidewall are formed from a continuous sheet of material, and the hinged connection comprises a bend in the material along the edge of the base.
4. The container of claim 2, further comprising:
 - a first support panel coupled to a first substantially stationary vertical sidewall adjacent to the movable sidewall and a second support panel coupled to a second substantially stationary vertical sidewall adjacent to the movable sidewall,
 - wherein the first and second support panels interfere with travel of the movable sidewall when the movable sidewall is in a closed position.

5. The container of claim 4, wherein the first and the second support panels forms a hinged connection to the first and the second substantially stationary vertical sidewalls respectively such that each support panel can be rotated outwardly about each respective hinged connection to expose the interior cavity of the container when the movable sidewall is in an opened position and can be rotated inwardly to substantially align with the edge of the base when the movable sidewall is in a closed position.

6. The container of claim 4, wherein:

an aperture is formed in the movable sidewall;

an opening is formed in each of the support panels, such that when the support panels are positioned to substantially align with the edge of the base and the movable sidewall is in a closed position, the openings formed in each of the support panels form a single opening aligned with the aperture formed in the movable sidewall.

7. The container of claim 6, further comprising:

a flap extending from an edge of each opening formed in each respective support panel,

wherein each flap can be manipulated through the aperture formed in the movable sidewall when the movable sidewall is in a closed position, such that the movable sidewall is retained in the closed position.

8. The container of claim 1, wherein the lid forms a hinged connection with at least one of the plurality of vertical sidewalls, such that the lid can be moved about the hinged connection to adjust between an opened and a closed position.

9. The container of claim 1, wherein:

the lid forms a hinged connection with the movable sidewall, and

the lid is adjustable into an opened position by rotating the lid outwardly about the hinged connection and the lid and the movable sidewall are both adjustable into an opened position by further rotating the movable sidewall outwardly about the hinged connection, such that the lid and the movable sidewall are positioned in a substantially horizontal orientation.

10. The container of claim 1, wherein the support structure includes an aperture adapted to receive and retain a substrate supporting a bakery item.
11. The container of claim 1, wherein the support structure is slideably removable from the interior cavity of the container when the movable sidewall is in an opened position.
12. A container, comprising:
 - a base having a substantially planar, horizontal surface and at least four edges;
 - at least four substantially vertical sidewalls each vertical sidewall aligned with an edge of the base, wherein:
 - the base and the at least four vertical sidewalls define an interior cavity;
 - at least two of the vertical sidewalls are substantially stationary sidewalls; and
 - at least one of the vertical sidewalls is a movable sidewall coupled to the base by a hinged connection and adjustable between a closed position and an opened position, wherein the movable sidewall contacts two adjacent vertical sidewalls when in the closed position, and extends from the base in a substantially horizontal orientation when in the opened position; and
 - a lid that is operable to contact an upper edge of the vertical sidewalls opposite the base and enclose the interior cavity.
13. The container of claim 12, wherein the interior cavity is accessible from at least one horizontal direction when the movable sidewall is in the opened position.
14. The container of claim 12, further comprising at least one auxiliary panel that abuts against the movable sidewall when the movable sidewall is in the closed position and that is movable to expose the interior cavity when the movable sidewall is in the opened position.
15. The container of claim 12, further comprising a support structure adapted to retain an item inside the interior cavity and to substantially prevent the item from moving relative to said vertical sidewalls.
16. The container of claim 15, wherein the support structure includes an aperture adapted to receive and retain a substrate holding a wedding cake.

17. A method for transporting a bakery item in a container, the method comprising:
providing a container including:

a substantially planar horizontal base having a plurality of edges;

a plurality of substantially vertical sidewalls, each vertical sidewall aligned with an edge of the base, the base and vertical sidewalls thereby defining an interior cavity;
and

a lid adapted to enclose the interior cavity in a closed position and to provide access to the interior cavity in an opened position;

wherein at least one of the vertical sidewalls is a movable sidewall adjustable between a closed position and an opened position, such that the interior cavity is accessible from at least two directions when the movable sidewall and lid are both in an opened position and at least one of the vertical sidewalls is a substantially stationary vertical sidewall;

positioning the lid and the at least one movable sidewall in opened positions;

inserting a bakery item in a substantially horizontal direction into the interior cavity of the container through an opening provided by positioning the movable sidewall in an opened position;

positioning the lid and the movable sidewall in closed positions;

transporting the bakery item inside the container, wherein the bakery item is maintained substantially stationary relative to the vertical sidewalls of the container.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the container further includes a support structure and wherein inserting a bakery item into the container comprises:

positioning a base holding a bakery item within an aperture included in the support structure and sliding the support structure and the bakery item in a substantially horizontal direction into the interior cavity of the container through an opening provided by positioning the movable sidewall in an opened position.